CLAIMS

What is Claimed:

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- 1. A method for purchasing a recorded music item comprising the following steps:
 - a) recording data related to a music item playing on a radio;
 - b) transmitting said data to a music identification/purchasing system;
 - c) receiving purchasing information from said music identification/purchasing system related to said music item;
- d) transmitting at least one music item selection and payment information to said music identification/purchasing system; and
 - e) receiving said at least one music item selection.
- 2. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step, after step b and before step c of identifying said music item by comparing the time said music item was recorded with a play list from a designated music station.
- 3. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said data includes at least a time, a date, and either a station frequency and a location of said station or a four letter station identification code.
- 4. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said data is transmitted to said music identification/purchasing system by means of the Internet.
- 25 5. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said data is transmitted to said music identification/purchasing system by means of a telephone.
 - 6. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said purchasing information is received by means of the Internet.

- 7. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 1, wherein said purchasing information is received by mail.
- 5 8. The method for purchasing and recorded music item has recited in claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said at least one music item selection is accomplished over the Internet.
- 9. The method for purchasing and recorded music item has recited in claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said at least one music item selection is accomplished by mail.

A method for purchasing a recorded music item comprising the following steps:

a) recording a segment of music playing on a radio;

- b) transmitting said recorded segment to a music identification/purchasing system;
- c) receiving purchasing information from said music identification/purchasing system;
- d) transmitting at least one music item selection and payment information to said music identification/purchasing system; and
 - e) receiving said music item selection.

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- 11. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 10 further comprising the step, after step b and before step c, of identifying said music item.
- 12. The method for purchasing a recorded music item as recited in claim 11, wherein said step of identifying said music item comprises the following steps:
 - a) entering said recorded music item into a central processing unit;
- b) analyzing and comparing said recorded musical item to music contained in a database; and
- c) identifying a music selection providing the closest match to said recorded music item.

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- 13. A process of identifying music comprising:
 - a) providing a recorded musical segment;
 - b) entering sald musical segment into a central processing unit;
 - c) analyzing and comparing said musical segment to a database of musical works;
 - d) identifying at least one closest match; and
 - e) generating database information regarding said at least one closest match.
- 14. A music identification/purchasing system comprising:

an interface having means for inputting recorded segment of music into a central processing unit;

wherein said central processing unit accesses a database containing music and musical information; and

wherein said segment is compared to said music contained in said database such that said segment can be identified;

and such information provided to a user through said interface.

15. A music identification/purchasing system comprising:

a means for storing information related to a selected musical work;

a means for identifying said selected musical work based on said information;

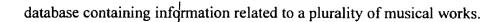
a means for providing information related to said selected musical work; and

a means for purchasing said selected musical work or an item related to said selected

musical work-

- 25 16. The music identification/purchasing system as recited in claim 15, wherein said means for storing information related to a selected musical work comprises a recording device.
 - 17. The music identification/purchasing system as recited in claim 15, wherein said means for identifying said selected musical work comprises a central processing unit accessing a

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- 18. The music identification/purchasing system as recited in claim 15 wherein said means for providing information related to said selected musical work comprises a user interface.
- 19. The music identification/purchasing system as recited in claim 15, wherein said means for purchasing comprises an ordering system including price, availability, shipping method, and payment options.

